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September 2, 1994

Mr. Steven Evans, Project Manager
UNICO Inc.
1902 Mary Dott Way
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

RE: Plan of Operations for Mining Activities, Deer Trail Mine,
Piute County, Utah

Dear Mr. Evans:

On Friday, August 26, 1994, representatives of UNICO Inc., met with staff of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, State of Utah (DOGM), Fishlake National Forest, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Michael Jackson, Richfield District, represented the BLM at this meeting. The meeting was held at the Deer Trail Mine in T. 28 S., R. 4 W., SLM, Utah, to discuss proposed mining related activities.

A copy of a proposed Plan of Operations for Mining Activities on National Forest Lands (Plan) was provided to the BLM during the on-site discussion. This Plan was submitted as a revision to an earlier Plan submitted by Ecology Mining Company, and UNICO stated that Ecology Mining Company has been replaced as operator.

Section IV., Part A, of the Plan states that access will involve "...a county road and a Forest Service road. The present roads to the office and processing facility will be maintained. Periodic grading of these roads may be required. The roads will accommodate pickups, loaders, dozers, dump trucks, and any other heavy equipment necessary for the mining and milling operation." As discussed during the on-site, this access involves, in part, BLM administered lands.

On September 1, 1994, this office received a letter from SLC ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, that states no work will be done on any access road on BLM administered land and that maintenance on the existing access road will be completed by Piute County. SLC ENVIRONMENTAL is identified in the Plan as the mine operator and an agent for UNICO.

Upon review of this Plan, no authorization is granted by the Authorized Officer, BLM. As stated, no surface disturbing activities are proposed on public, federal land.

As a point of clarification, from SLC ENVIRONMENTAL's letter, use of an access road to a mine project or site could constitute part of the mining operation. Any surface disturbing activity, whether at the mine site or on an unpatented claim, must be addressed under a notice or plan of operation, filed pursuant to federal regulations for surface management, 43 CFR 3809, if the operations are conducted on land administered by the BLM.

If surface disturbing activities are proposed on public, federal land, including the construction of new roads or widening, upgrading, or realigning any existing road, approval must be obtained from the Authorized Officer prior to the conduct any such work. A copy of federal regulations, 43 CFR 3809, is enclosed for your reference.

You also requested copies of the letter from the BLM to Ecology Mining Company that addressed deficiencies in the previously submitted Plan of Operations and the decision that closed that Plan without any authorization for any activity conducted on BLM lands. A copy of both letters are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jackson at (801) 896-8221.

Sincerely,

Joe Anderson

Dave Henderson
Area Manager

Enclosures: Certified Letters (copies) P 760 053 356
and P 248 443 794
Copy of Federal regulations, 43 CFR 3809

cc: Lionel Koon, SLC ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, P. O. Box 522075, Salt
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